Remarks

After cancellation of claims 31-34, claims 1, 24-29, 35-36, 39-42, 44-51, 57, 58, 61-65, and 67-80 remain pending in the application.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out that the last paper filed was not fully responsive in that it did not provide reasons why claims 31-34 distinguished over the cited references. However, as the Examiner states in his paper of July 14, the previous response was a bona fide attempt to advance prosecution. Therefore, Applicants appreciate receiving a time period of one month to supply a correction in order to avoid abandonment.

By canceling Claims 31-34, Applicants believe they have now completed a fullyresponsive reply to the prior Office Action. Further favorable action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative of Applicants if that would be helpful to resolving any issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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